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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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CC Docket No. 02-6

RE: Request for Waiver
Garrett County School District, BEN 126396
Funding Year – 2016
Form 471 Application Numbers –161046907, 161046936, 161046964 and 161050287
Funding Request Numbers –1699105784, 1699105844, 1699105920 and 1699114968
Last Date to Invoice: October 30, 2017

In this Waiver request, Garrett County School District, through its representative, E-Rate Elite Services, Inc. (EES), respectfully requests the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) waive the requirement in section 54.514(b) that applicants must request an extension prior to the invoice filing deadline.¹

Tropical storm Philippe spawned two tornadoes in Florida and then proceeded up the east coast. It was subsequently absorbed by an extratropical system as it reached the northeast on October 29, 2017. Several governors in northeast states declared state of emergencies as they braced for the arrival of Philippe. Garret County was the only county in the state of Maryland where the Maryland State Police activated their Snow Emergency Plan. Potomac Edison reported several hundred-power outages in Garrett County at 10:50 pm on October 29, 2017. The top wind gust at Reagan National Airport and Baltimore's Inner Harbor was 47 mph on Sunday night. On January 2, 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency issued a Major Disaster Declaration for parts of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

¹ 47 CFR § 54.514(b) (directing USAC to grant a 120-day extension of the invoice filing deadline "if it is timely requested").



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The FCC has historically provided relief to applicants impacted by many of the extraordinary weather events that have occurred.² While the extent of the storm's impact in Maryland was not the same as many of the New England area states, we submit that Garrett County did experience an extraordinary circumstance as it related to the storm as evidenced by it being the only county in which the Maryland State Police has activated a Snow Emergency Plan. Therefore, in accordance with the E-Rate Modernization Order (2014), Garrett County Public Schools requests the FCC grant a waiver of the invoice deadline extension filing deadline and grant the requested extension for Funding Year 2016 Funding Request Numbers 1699105784, 1699105844, 169910920 and 1699114968.

Sincerely,

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² See *Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, para. 240 (2014) (*E-rate Modernization Order*) (Bureau should grant waivers of those rules in extraordinary circumstances).